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Docket No.: 1460.1010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yasushi SUGAYA

Serial No. 09/678,734

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No. 6738

Filed: October 4, 2000

Examiner: Mark Hellner

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS, OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER, AND
OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on September 21, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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